

REMARKS

Claims 1-69 were pending in the application. Claims 1-65 were allowed. Claims 66-69 were rejected. Claims 66-69 are amended. Claims 70 and 71 are added. Claims 1-71 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 and 35 are the independent claims. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.


The examiner required formal drawings to be submitted in response to the Action. Formal drawings are submitted herewith.

The examiner rejected claims 66-69 under 35 USC 101 as reciting non-statutory subject matter, namely, information produced by a process in the form of a cryptographic key. In order to expedite prosecution, claims 66-69 are amended to recite a storage medium that includes the cryptographic key. This amendment is not an admission or acknowledgement regarding the merit of the examiner's rejection, and is not made in view of any prior art. Claims 66-69, as amended, recite an article of manufacture, namely, the storage medium, which is widely recognized as statutory subject matter under 35 USC 101. Support for reciting the storage medium can be found in the written description, for example, on page 7, at lines 7-13.

New claims 70 and 71 are added to recite particular embodiments of the storage medium. Support for the subject matter recited in these claims can also be found, for example, on page 7, at lines 7-13.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that all rejections have been overcome. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue. If any issue remains unresolved, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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